

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: Between the Title and the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:**

1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The invention starts out from a busbar arrangement for coupling waveguide filters of output multiplexers ~~of the type described in the main claim.~~

Page 2: Between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:**

2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

In comparison to solutions of the state of the art, the inventive busbar arrangement for coupling waveguide filters of output multiplexers ~~with the characterizing distinguishing features of the main claim~~ has the advantages that a significantly more compact overall arrangement is achieved because it is possible to

couple the waveguide filters on both sides to the side walls of the busbar. At the same time, the advantage of a greatly reduced weight is associated with this. Both advantages are of particular importance in the field of communication satellites, where the best utilization of the limited transporting space and, at the same time, the least weight of the equipment carried by the satellite matter a great deal. Moreover, the novel busbar arrangement for coupling waveguide filters is distinguished because of the greatly simplified coupling structures due to the particularly convenient installation and, with that, because of the decreased manufacturing costs.

Page 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Examples of the invention are described in greater detail in the following and shown in the drawings, ~~in which~~.

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:**

6<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Figure 3 shows an inventive busbar arrangement with a short-circuited branch region as an H branch, and